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Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the letter of H.E. Mr. Mostafa Pourmohamadi, the Interior Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you, on the host country's failure to issue him an entry visa to participate in the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (see annex).

While registering the strong protest of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the failure of the host country to abide by its relevant obligations, I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, and have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 55 (b) of the agenda.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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While appreciating the very positive action taken by the United Nations in organizing the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development to address a very important issue in today's world, I was confident that the High-level Dialogue would have provided all Member States, including the Islamic Republic of Iran, with an ample opportunity to express their views and participate in this global decision-making process on such an important issue.

In response to the invitation by the esteemed President of the General Assembly, based on General Assembly resolution 60/227, I, as the head of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was prepared to participate in the High-level Dialogue on 14 and 15 September 2006 in New York. However, despite exhausting all requirements for obtaining the entry visas, the host country authorities failed to issue a visa for me, thus denying my country the right to take part in this international decision-making process.

I would like to hereby express the protest of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the failure of the Government of the United States of America to issue the entry visa, which runs counter to its international obligations as the host country of the United Nations Organization. I request you to take note of the right of my country thus violated and to circulate this letter as a document of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) Mostafa **Pourmohamadi**
Minister for the Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran